

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace Paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:

--A drum (i.e. rim) 24 is provided. The drum 24 has an extreme outboard end 26. The drum 24 has an extreme inboard end 28. The drum 24 has an outer diameter surface 30. The drum has an outboard tire bead seat 31 with an outer surface 32. The drum has an inboard tire bead seat 33 with an outer surface 34. The drum ~~30~~ 24 has an inner diameter surface 36. The outer diameter surface 18 of the wheel disc is fixably connected to the inner diameter surface 36 of the drum. Typically, this connection will be by welding or by an integral casting operation. The connection of the wheel disc to the inner diameter surface 36 of the drum is between the inboard and outboard extreme ends 28 and 26 of the drum.--